

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF SECOND HAND JUTE MACHINES .

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of second hand jute machines imported for jute mills during the last six months;
- (b) the number of these are imported from China;
- (c) whether there are provisions to restrict imports of second hand machines in the present EXIM policy;
- (d) the mechanism adopted to evaluate the age of the second hand machines; and
- (e) the details of the indigenous jute machine manufacturing units in the country and their average capacity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): No separate trade data on import of second hand jute machinery is maintained by DGCI&S. However Jute Commissioner, Kolkata has ascertained that 24 consignments of second hand Jute Machines have been imported during the last six months and none of the above second hand machines were made in China.

(c) & (d) : As per the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009, import of second hand capital goods, including refurbished/reconditioned spares shall be allowed freely without any age restriction.

(e) It is estimated that there are 32 indigenous jute machine manufacturing units in the country. However their capacity is not available.